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(57) Abstract: A UV sunscreening composition suitable for cosmetic or topical pharmaceutical use which comprises an amount of one or more organic components which are photosensitive and/or which are degraded and/or in which degradation is induced by another ingredient of the composition, and an amount of TiO₂ and/or ZnO which has been doped with another element and/or reduced zinc oxide, this composition having a rate of loss of UV absorption at least 5% less than that of a composition having the same formulation except that it does not contain the said TiO₂ and/or ZnO which has been doped with another element or the said reduced zinc oxide.



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A UV sunscreening composition comprising one or more photosensitive organic compounds and a doped titanium and/or zinc oxide. The use of said doped metal oxides to reduce the loss in UV absorption of a sunscreen composition is also disclosed.

2. Claims: 1-2(partially),10,11-31(partially)

A UV sunscreening composition comprising one or more photosensitive organic compounds and a reduced zinc oxide. The use of said reduced metal oxides to reduce the loss in UV absorption of a sunscreen composition is also disclosed.

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